

BACA president hails Premier's support for fine arts movement

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Manama

President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday said that His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa's support for the fine arts movement in the Kingdom dates back to 1972, when Bahrain Annual Fine Art Exhibition was first launched, resulting in a rich artistic and cultural movement that reflects all schools and trends showcased in the 46th

edition.

In a statement marking the beginning of the 46th Bahrain Annual Fine Art Exhibition, Shaikha Mai said that HRH Premier's interest in enhancing the cultural movement in the Kingdom has contributed to making Bahrain a destination that attracts all forms of cultural creativity.

She extended sincere thanks and gratitude to HRH the Prime Minister for his strong belief in culture and constant patronage of all events aimed at boosting cultural and artistic events in



Shaikha Mai

Bahrain.

HRH Premier had deputised

Deputy Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, to open the 46th Bahrain Annual Fine Art Exhibition last Wednesday.

During the opening ceremony, the Deputy Premier expressed pride in opening the event on HRH Premier's behalf.

In this regard, fine artists agreed that HRH Premier's patronage of the annual event affirm his unwavering support for arts and culture, as well as his belief in the role of the artistic message in enhancing commu-



HRH the Premier

nities' civilisational progress.

They affirmed that HRH Premier's patronage of the exhibition on an annual basis has strengthening Bahrain's distinguished standing in the field of fine art in the region.

They extended heartfelt thanks and gratitude to HRH Premier for patronising the event, as well as for encouraging them to carry on their artistic creativity.

They affirmed that HRH Premier's vision has enhanced the

role of fine art in upgrading the Bahraini society, and contributed to supporting talented Bahraini artists, noting that the Premier's vision has inspired them to enrich their artistic careers with outstanding works that are capable of competing at the international level.

They asserted that the launch of the Bahrain Annual Fine Art Exhibition since 1972 proves Bahrain's leading role in developing the fine art movement.

Peninsula Shield Force honoured



A ceremony to honour the armed forces of Saudi Arabia and the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates, attached to the advance command of the Peninsula Shield Force was held at the BDF. Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources was present at the ceremony. Officers from the Saudi and Emirati forces were granted first-class field service badges and non-commissioned officers and individuals were awarded second-class field service badges. The honours were in recognition of their dedicated efforts within the Peninsula Shield Force that consolidate the strong bonds between the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries. Major General Shaikh Ali conveyed the greetings and congratulations of BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikha Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa to the Saudi and UAE officers.

KUNA's twitter account hacking case referred to Public Prosecution

Kuwait

State-run Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) has referred the case of its Twitter account being hacked to the public prosecution, the agency's Director General and Chairman Shaikh Mubarak Duaij Al Sabah has said.

Prosecutors will "thoroughly" investigate the act that aimed to tarnish KUNA's image and undermine its credibility, Shaikh Mubarak said in a press release, emphasising that the state-run news agency will continue to thrust Kuwait's accomplishments into the limelight.

On a KUNA-issued roundup over the killing of an Iranian general, which caused an uproar, he said a high committee

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was set up to investigate the matter, the news agency reported.

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Saudi G20 sherpa briefs UN on Riyadh Summit



The meeting in New York was opened by the president of the UN General Assembly.

New York

Saudi Arabia's official representative for the 2020 G20 summit of world leaders being staged in Riyadh has briefed the UN General Assembly on preparations for the high-powered meeting.

Fahad Al Mubarak, the Kingdom's G20 sherpa charged with helping pave the way for the leaders' November gather-

ing, introduced delegates to the theme, aims, and main priorities of the summit.

The meeting in New York was opened by the president of the UN General Assembly, and the UN undersecretary-general, who welcomed the sherpa and expressed their hopes for a successful G20 summit under the Kingdom's presidency.

Mr Al Mubarak said that, under the guidance of King

Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the G20 agenda development process was being conducted in an inclusive and comprehensive way in order to reflect the most important world issues.

Addressing attendees, the sherpa talked about the main objectives for this year's G20 gathering under the theme of "Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All."

Iconic actress passes away



Magda Al Sabahi

Cairo

Egyptian iconic actress Magda Al Sabahi passed away aged 89 after a long strong with illness, Middle East News Agency (MENA) announced yesterday.

The actress, Afaf Kamel Al Sabahi, was born on May 5, 1939 Tanta, in Gharbia governorate. She marked the Egypt's 1950s and 1960s, featuring during her long prolific cinema career in over 60 films.

She rose to fame particularly for her roles in El-Naseh (1949), Malish hadh (1954), Hegret El-Rasoul, Ayna Omry (1957), Banat El-Yom (1957), Al-Ragol Allazy Ohebo (1962), El-Omr Lahza (1978), among many others

She played the leading role in Youssef Chahine's historical film Djamilia l'Algérienne (1958), which tackles the life of Djamilia, one of the most remarkable revolutionary women of Algeria.

In 2016 she won the Nile Art Award, the highest in Egypt. She was also honoured by the Egyptian State marking the Art Day.

Pentagon to soon resume Saudi training halted after base shooting

Washington

The Pentagon has said it would soon announce a resumption in operational training of Saudi military officers in the United States, suspended after a Saudi officer's fatal shooting of three Americans at a Florida naval base last month.

The US military restricted the some 850 visiting Saudi military personnel in the country to classroom training as part of a "safety stand-down" during which time it reviewed vetting procedures. Saudi Arabia subsequently withdrew 21 cadets.

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took place and will brief base leadership on planned improvements in vetting of foreign military personnel and changes to security procedures, including physical security at US bases, the Pentagon said.

Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said the US military also expected to soon announce a resumption in operational training.

"We're looking forward to turning that (training) back on in the coming days," Hoffman told a news briefing, adding "we should have an announcement for you soon."

Three US sailors were killed and eight other people were wounded in the attack at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. A deputy sheriff shot dead the gunman, Saudi Air Force Second Lt Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani.